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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM A CABLE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
IN THE HAGUE TO CANBERRA (PASSED TO US BY THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE).

REPORTING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DUTCH MFA ON THE RECENT VISIT
TO HOLLAND BY SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH:
QUOTE VIETNAM WAS WILLING TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL
COUNTRIES IN REGION AND DEEPLY REGRETTED THAI THAI COUP D'ETAT HAD
PRODUCED HOSTILE REGIME. ELIMINATION OF THAIS FAVOURING NORMALISATION

OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM WAS ACT OF "SUICIDE" BY THAI REGIME.
DESPITE DUTCH URGING TO ACCEPT ASEAN AS STABLISING AND WELL DISPOSED
REGIONAL GROUPING, VIETNAMESE CRITICIZED ASEAN AS CREATURE OF
VIETNAMESE WAR DESIGNED TO SERVE ANTI-VIETNAME PURPOSE: MOREOVER,
WITH ITS LIMITED MEMBERSHIP ASEAN COULD NOT SERVE REGIONAL OR VIET-
NAMESE INTERESTS. REGIONAL COOPERATION COULD BE SERVED BY NEW
ORGANISATION BASED ON BROAD MEMBERSHIP AND RANGE OF REGIONAL
INTERESTS. VIETNAMESE CLEARLY ENVISAGED ROLE FOR THEMSELVES AS CO-

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FOUNDERS OF SUCH A NEW REGIONAL BODY. END QUOTE.

2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CABLE, WHICH COVERS SEVERAL SUBJECTS, IS BEING POUCHED TO EA/TB.

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